

I spell out here below certain details and hope that you will pursue the matter and let me know the outcome of your action.

In conclusion I may say that more details may be forthcoming if a judicial enquiry is set up. Indeed, that is the only proper way to deal with cases of this kind. Thank you."

Now, allegations against the Minister I have not disclosed and they are kept confident for the Chief Minister to make enquiry about it. All these allegations are in this letter. I am passing on this to the Chair. The Chair may kindly pass it on to the Chief Minister and a copy of the same may be kept in the Legislative Library Sir.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will take up Sri K. H. Patil's motion. I will hear the Chief Minister and then come to conclusion as to whether it is in order.

STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER ON THE NOTICE OF BREACH OF PRIVILEGE BY Sri K. H. PATIL

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—Sir, this is a very strange request from a member of this House Sri K. H. Patil that there has been abuse of privilege on my part and it refers to a statement I am alleged to have made in Bombay. When a man of some importance goes to a place, all the Press people meet him at Press Conference and put a number of questions and he answers. It very often happens that they take the answers and report in their own way. Let me make it very clear. Let there be no doubt about it. I am sorry I have not got that copy with me here. Anyway, I have made up my mind that within two or three weeks I am going to make arrangement for my successor and I am leaving. I do not know where there is any abuse of privilege at all. A question was asked whether it was not a fact that considerable amount of pressure was brought on me and that I am receiving a number of letters that I must continue here. I have said that considerable amount of pressure was brought on me and a member accompanied me from here to Bombay because he could not get audience here. Do you not think that it is a matter for consideration? I have considered all these things. I considered what an amount of pressure is brought on me. I have received a number of letters and am still receiving.

But I have made up my mind. In view of the responsibility I have to bear being onerous, it is not possible for me to continue as Chief Minister possibly for more than two or three weeks after this Session. I do not think there is any privilege involved and there is no question of my having done anything which affects the privilege of this House.

Sri S. SIVAPPA (Sravanabelagola).—Sir, the statement of the Chief Minister had made the position amply clear and he has said in clear-cut terms that he is relinquishing his office as Chief Minister within two or three weeks. So, all this question of privilege ends. We do not like to press the Motion any further.

†Sri K. H. PATIL.—Sir, I being the mover of the Motion does not wish to press it in view of the statement made by the Chief Minister and the suggestion of our Leader of Opposition. But, one point I would like to bring to his kind notice and that is, the Press people are equally important in a democratic set up. He being a very big man in India to-day by virtue of his being the president of the All-India Congress..

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Thank you very much.

Sri K. H. PATIL.—I would like our Sri Nijalingappa to be more alert in making any statement so that confusion may not be created in the minds of others. I am very grateful to him for making the point clear and I pray that he may earn a very good name as the President of the All-India Congress. If possible he can handover charge in two or three days because as per his statement he wants two or three weeks. If he cannot do in two or three days, how can he be able to tackle problems all over India? With this assurance of the Chief Minister, I am withdrawing the privilege motion.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, on this occasion it would not be inappropriate if I mention a few words about it because during the last two months in this session we were mentioning this subject time and again and almost every day in one manner or the other this was coming up. What all we were anxious is that our Chief Minister and also the Congress President, because both offices are in one person coming from our State i. e., Karnatak, his name should not be dragged in, into any kind of misunderstanding. Therefore we were saying in very clear terms then and now also that we were not anxious that he should decide this way or that way, and the choice is his. Now that he has taken a decision to remain as Congress President, we wish him well because he is the President from Karnatak and we want him to bring a good name. Wherever he is, we wish him well.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—While thanking the members I wish to say that Mr. Patil is clever in his own way. He says let me be cautious while talking to press. I want to tell him that he has not got sufficient experience of the press and he has not met many, specially in the press. It always happens and that I have made clear.

PRIVILEGE MOTIONS *re* : PURCHASE OF PALACE OF THE TRAVANCORE MAHARAJA IN BANGALORE

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, I think I have made it clear on that day. I am making one definite statement. When the Leader of the Opposition mentioned about it, I think on 1st August 1967, this is what he clearly said.

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